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## Scenes from Field Day 2010



It's never too early to  
start planning for  
next year!





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**ABOUT US**

The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is an incorporated not for profit group of amateur radio operators in the Thunder Bay area that meet for self education, community service and fellowship. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at room 191 McIntyre Building, Confederation College, 7:30 PM. Our postal address is 1100C Memorial Ave. Suite 184, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 4A3. This newsletter is published monthly except for July and August by Ed Baumann VE3SNW and questions and submissions may be emailed to [ve3snw@shaw.ca](mailto:ve3snw@shaw.ca)

**Lakehead Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report**

Balance on Hand - June 5th, 2010 **\$4,772.11**

**Income**

Membership \$70.00  
Interest \$0.74  
**Total Income \$70.74**

**Expenses**

Thunder Bay Telephone \$96.91  
Bank Service Charge \$2.00  
Field Day \$260.34  
Thunder Bay Telephone (Cell) \$84.36  
**Total Expenses \$443.61**  
\*Term Account (For Higher Interest) \$3,000.00  
Balance on Hand - Sept. 2, 2010 **\$4,399.24**

**Trailer Account**

Previous Balance 856.46  
Income  
Interest \$0.18  
Redcliff Reality (Intercity Mall) \$300.00  
Expenses \$0.00  
Balance in Trailer Account **\$1,156.64**

Joe "Slide Rule" Coghlan - VE3TBX  
Treasurer

**LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS**

**VE3YQT(Mount Baldy)147.060 (-600) Phone Patch**

**VE3TBR (St. Joseph's) 146.820 pl 107.2**

**442.075 (+5 MHz)pl 100**  
**144.390 APRS**

**VE3UPP Upsala 145.470 (-600)**

## ELECTION TIME AGAIN!

Well hope you all had a good summer, but we are closing in on September and you know what that means. YES, elections for the executive of LARC. I am hoping for something really unusual this year, an actual vote. Don't get me wrong I think the current executive is doing a super job, but I suspect some would like a rest. Here is the list of the existing executive and who holds the position.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
President	Randy VA3OJ
Vice President	Bob VE3RVA
Secretary	Karl VE3RRP
Treasurer	Joe VE3TBX
Directors	Brad VE3MXJ
	Doug VE3EFC
	Cliff VE3CLF
	Robert VA3ROM

Plus we are always looking for volunteers to help at Public Service events. Why not give it a whirl. Send John, VE3JMS an email.

As well I would like to know if you are either interested in doing a short talk on an aspect of radio / electronics. Is there a place you think we could tour that may be of interest to LARC members. Or best of all would you like to give a short a presentation at a LARC meeting. Doesn't have to be long, 15 to 20 minutes would be fine.

Again please give this some thought so LARC can have another banner year.

Thanks,

Bill VE3XT  
ve3xt@rac.ca



## PREZ SEZ

Hiya Folks

Well, here we are at the start of round of meetings and get - togethers. The summer seems to have blessed us with some very warm weather and very few fires. It is hard to believe that we are still considered to be in a drought.

While we were apart, the annual field day went on. Conditions were not as favourable as last year, but we still managed to get a fair share of the contacts. On Sunday morning, the rain was substantial but once everyone got into the hang of tipping tarps, most of the area remained dry.

As I am writing this, I noticed that there is frost on the roof of my truck, a bit of shock considering that at the beginning of the week, it was 38 degrees with the humidex. We truly live in a land of four seasons ( in one week).

This year we have our annual public service events that we have a chance to showcase our hobby and skills. If you are active in these events, thanks. If you are not, please consider putting your name in the hat and pitch in. It may seem overwhelming at first, but buddy up with someone and learn the ropes from some of the best. Prove that you passed your amateur exams and tests and that you are a compitant operator. Pride is a great motivator to make you try harder to excel in your great hobby.

Stay safe and I hope to see you at the general meeting on the 9th of September. We will be electing our new executive and this will give you a chance to get out and support your hobby

Randy VA3OJ

*Do You Care?*

*Every year the club's membership numbers drop for a lot of reasons. Amateur Radio as a hobby will cease to exist if we don't work together to make it relevant in today's world of cell phones, lap-tops and texting. Amateur Radio and the LARC needs your ideas and help to attract the communicators and "nuts and bolts" experimenters that make this hobby so vibrant.*

**Minutes for the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club**

**Date: June 11, 2010**

**President, Randy Gottfred VA3OJ Presiding.**

**Guest Speaker:**

Major Rick Shirran Director of SATERN in Canada gave a talk. The Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) is composed of amateur radio operators who are interested in emergency response. You do not need to be a member of the Salvation Army to participate. There is a Monday night VHF Net on the 9032 IRLP reflector, and there is a HF net Monday to Friday at 1500 UTC on 14.265 MHz. SATERN Membership applications are available from the LARC Secretary, Karl Hamilton VE3RRP.

**Treasurer's Report: Joe Coghlan VE3TBX**

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP moved to accept the report as printed in the June Hi-Q. Seconded by Mervyn Halvorsen VA3TSA. Passed Unanimously.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP moves to accept the May's meeting's minutes as printed in the June Hi-Q. Seconded by Bill Unger VE3XT. Passed Unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**Public Service (John Sacek VA3JMS public events coordinator)**

John Sacek VA3JMS mentioned the Kakabeka Run on July 15, The Shuniah Run & Roll (formerly Inline Skate) for MS, Conquer the Dog, Caribou Charity Bike Rally, and the Thunder Bay Marathon in September. The 10 Mile Road Race went well.

**CANWARN John Sacek VA3JMS**

This year's training was last night, June 10, Shuniah Building. The excellent presentation was attended by about 20 people with 16 hams in attendance.

**ARES Brad Harris VE3MXJ Thunder Bay EC**

Tuesday night VHF Net on VE3YQT at 7pm.

**ARES Training:**

- ICS (Incident Command System) Course Saturday June 12, 2010, 8:30 to 4:30

Merv Halvorsen VE3TSA explained that the ICS intro course is also in the IMS course by the government. Merv reported that NARED (the National Amateur Radio Emergency Database) which he is looking after, is almost ready to come out for RAC.

**RAC Report Bill Unger VE3XT**

Bill Unger VE3XT reported that the RAC directors decided to focus on a membership drive, starting on Field Day, to each get 1,000 new members signed up within the next year.

The LARC extended a big **"Thank You"** to **Bill** for his time and his expenses that he donates to RAC, which is our only national voice.

**Repeater News**

**Randy Gottfred VA3OJ,**

A UHF linking radio is being sought for the Thunder Bay 10 Meter repeater. The Upsala repeater is being overhauled and be linked with the rest of the NW ON network. VE3TBR tail has been adjusted. A work party will go to Uppsala to replace the radio.

Club Trailer:

**Bob Hansen VE3RVA**

Mike Nawrocki VE3ZG gave the LARC (received by the Secretary) a cheque for the trailer sign advertisement from the Intercity Shopping Mall.

**Field Day Venue**

LARC field day will be at Randy Gottfred VA3OJ, on Rosslyn Road. There will be no generators, since we are on batteries only.

**Hymers Fall Fair**

The LARC is set to participate in the Fair September 5, and 6<sup>th</sup>. Set up will be Friday afternoon 1 PM.

**New Business**

**Nomination Committee**

This year's nomination committee will be Bill Unger VE3XT.

**VE3ONN (ARES)**

The internet equipment has been changed at VE3ONN, giving a solid internet link.

**VE3SAO (55+ Centre)**

Bob Hansen VE3RVA and Doug McCormick VE3EFC reported the Wednesday night meeting will be the last before summer break. The 40 meter antenna and the rotatable dipole are working, the rotator controller is fixed, and an internet line will be installed.

**50/50 Draw Winner: Brad Harris VE3MXJ**

**Adjournment moved by: Mike Nawrocki VE3ZG**

Next LARC Executive Meeting: September 2, 2010.

**Next LARC Meeting:**

**1930**

**September 9, 2010.**

**Room 191**

**McIntyre Building**

**Confederation College**

## North East Regional Directors Report September 2010



The monthly meeting of the Regional Directors was held on August 26, 2010. The most important topic of discussion was about the upcoming meeting in Ottawa to plan the future of RAC.

With the election of President Bawden earlier this year we as a group have decided to look to where RAC is going. I won't bore you with the litany of misery that has occurred over the last 3 years at RAC. If we don't change the way we do business RAC's future is uncertain. Amateurs in Canada are fortunate to have a group of people who want to RAC succeed. John Bartlett, V01OZ / HK1OZ has offered to lead the Directors and Executive in a "rebranding" of RAC. John and Peter, VE3HG, VP of Public Relations are posting news almost daily on the RAC blog. There we are asking for and printing replies from Amateurs across Canada who have ideas for RAC. If you have a criticism of RAC, that's fine but I also hope you have a solution to make it better.

The link to Peters Blog is <http://racblog.wordpress.com/> Check it out, its important that we have as much input as possible.

One of the comments I hear when I talk with Amateurs often starts off with "*Somebody* at RAC should do more \_\_\_\_\_ ( fill in the blank with: Contests, QRP,TCA articles, lobbying Industry Canada, update errors in the question blank or any other personal peeve they may have)". Well plain and simple we don't have any more *somebodies*. We have a part time bookkeeper and part time office clerk, that's it. And you're correct *somebody* should do all of the above. If you really want to help RAC why not be the **someone** who volunteers and helps.

Another initiative RAC has undertaken is to get 1000 new members during the period from Field Day, 2010 to Field Day 2011. I will be talking more about this in later news letters. There is also more information on Peter's blog about this as well.

There will be a Hamfest October 16 in Sudbury sponsored by the Sudbury and Manitoulin Island clubs. If you're any where in Northern Ontario this should be a must attend meet. Here is a link for more information: [http://rac.eton.ca/events/detail.php?event\\_ID=1435](http://rac.eton.ca/events/detail.php?event_ID=1435)

Ottawa Amateur Radio Club is having its 14<sup>th</sup> annual Hamfest on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Here is the link for more info: [http://rac.eton.ca/events/detail.php?event\\_ID=1386](http://rac.eton.ca/events/detail.php?event_ID=1386)

As always if you have any questions or concerns please email me at [ve3xt@rac.ca](mailto:ve3xt@rac.ca).

Bill VE3XT  
North & East Ontario Regional Director



**Crime Statistics**

<http://www.crimereports.com/map/index/?search=+Thunder%20Bay+ON&agencyzoomlevel=13>

**Radio Society of Great Britain**

<http://www.rsgb.org/>

**100 Years of Amateur Radio**

<http://www.gattonstar.com.au/story/2010/08/03/100-years-of-amateur-radio/>

**New Guy in Town!**

Please welcome George Dow who is our newest ham in Thunder Bay. George passed the exam with a whopping 89% tonight and has his honors as well for HF....

Georges dad was a ham as well. He is hoping to get the call VE3DOW which is currently available..So listen up for him in a few days when we find his call at [www.rac.ca](http://www.rac.ca)

73

Fred

CIW649/VE3FAL



*MORE FROM FIELD DAY 2010*

# September 2010

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b> ARES Net 1900 VE3YQT	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sun</b>
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>LARC</b> Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			